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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAPE TOWN 806 ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON  
LUSAKA MADRID WHITE HOUSE MAY 17.

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MADRID FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER AND A. LAKE WITH VICE  
PRESIDENT'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: RH, SA, US, UK

SUBJ: OUR RESPONSE TO RHODESIAN THREAT TO ZAMBIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 0787

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FROM HAWKINS IN RESPONSE TO MY APPROACH OF MAY 15.

2. "I HAVE BEEN ASKED IF YOU WILL KINDLY ARRANGE ONWARD  
TRANSMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MY  
PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

"BEGINS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE 15TH MAY

CONVEYED BY YOUR AMBASSADOR IN CAPE TOWN.

"I ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF INITIATING AN ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES ON THE ZAMBIAN BORDER. IT WAS MY REALISATION OF THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ESCALATION THAT CAUSED ME TO ASK DR. OWEN TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH DR. KAUNDA TO PREVENT THE PLANNED INCURSIONS OF ZAPU TERRORISTS FROM ZAMBIA INTO RHODESIA. IF THESE SHOULD DEVELOP THEY WOULD POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF RHODESIANS, BLACK AND WHITE. I MUST ASK YOU TO APPRECIATE THAT IT IS A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE SECURITY FORCES TO PROTECT THE CIVIL POPULATION AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS. WE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO TOLERATE A SITUATION WHERE THESE ATTACKS CAN BE MOUNTED WITH IMPUNITY FROM NEIGHBOURING TERRITORIES.

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3. "I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU COULD EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE FOREGOING.

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